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USPS CELEBRATES THE LIFE OF BASKETBALL SUPERSTAR WILT CHAMBERLAIN

Wilton Norman "Wilt" Chamberlain was born on August 21, 1936 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, into a family of nine children, the son of Olivia Ruth Johnson, a domestic worker and homemaker, and William Chamberlain, a welder, custodian, and handyman.

He was an American basketball player. He played for the Philadelphia/San Francisco Warriors, the Philadelphia 76ers and the Los Angeles Lakers of the NBA; he played for the University of Kansas and also for the Harlem Globetrotters before playing in the NBA. The 7-foot 1-inch Chamberlain weighed 250 pounds as a rookie before bulking up to 275 and eventually to over 300 pounds with the Lakers. He played the center position and is widely considered one of the greatest and most dominant players in NBA history.

Chamberlain holds numerous NBA all-time records in scoring, rebounding and durability categories. He is the only player to score 100 points in a single NBA game or average more than 40 and 50 points in a season. He also won seven scoring, nine field goal percentage, and eleven rebounding titles, and once even led the league in assists. [3] Chamberlain is the only player in NBA history to average at least 30 points and 20 rebounds per game in a season, a feat he accomplished nine times. He is also the only player to average at least 30 points and 20 rebounds per game over the entire course of his NBA career.

Although he suffered a long string of professional losses, Chamberlain had a successful career, winning two NBA championships, earning four regular-season Most Valuable Player awards, the Rookie of the Year award, one NBA Finals MVP award, and being selected to 13 All-Star Games and ten All-NBA First and Second teams. Chamberlain was subsequently enshrined in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1978, elected into the NBA's 35th Anniversary Team of 1980, and chosen as one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History of 1996.

Chamberlain was known by various nicknames during his basketball playing career. He hated the ones that called attention to his height such as "Goliath" and "Wilt the Stilt", which was coined during his high school days by a Philadelphia sportswriter. He preferred "The Big Dipper", which was inspired by his friends who saw him dip his head as he walked through doorways.

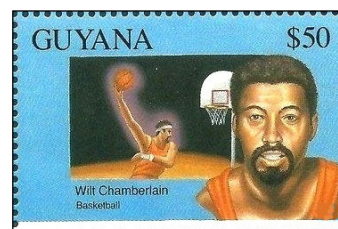
After his basketball career ended, Chamberlain played volleyball in the short-lived International Volleyball Association, was president of this organization, and is enshrined in the IVA Hall of Fame for his contributions. Chamberlain was also a successful businessman, authored several books, and appeared in the movie *Conan the Destroyer*. He was a lifelong bachelor.

Chamberlain died of congestive heart failure on the morning of October 12, 1999 at his home in Bel Air of Los Angeles, California. He was 63.



On December 5, 2014, in Philadelphia, PA, the U.S. Postal Service will issue the Wilt Chamberlain stamps, (Forever priced at 49 cents), in two designs, in a pressure-sensitive adhesive (PSA) pane of 18 stamps. The stamps will go on sale nationwide December 5, 2014.

DID YOU KNOW?



**ON JULY 26, 1993
GUYANA ISSUED A
STAMP FEATURING
WILT CHAMBERLAIN
AS PART OF A
SHEET OF 9
SPORTS STARS**

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WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB - DECEMBER, 2014

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We meet on the second and fourth Sunday (except holidays and fourth Sunday in June, July and August) of each month. Meetings are from 12:30 P.M. until close of business, with the business meeting at 2:00 P.M. Meeting at the Churchill Borough Building, 2300 William Penn Hwy, Churchill, PA 15235.

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THE EDITOR WRITES...

Wishing everyone a happy Holiday Season. I hope 2014 was good to you personally and in your "collecting world" and that 2015 will be as good or better.

DECEMBER, 2014 MEETING DATES

December 14th ONLY

December 14th – CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Please plan on attending. The more, the merrier!

**FLAT SCREEN COLOR TV AVAILABLE FOR THE
PITTSBURGH STEELERS GAMES.**

***** PLEASE JOIN US *****

This newsletter is published ten times per year. Eight issues are published monthly for the months of January, February, March, April, September, October, November and December. For the months of May through August, two issues are published, one for the months of MAY-JUNE and one for the months of JULY-AUGUST.

**** OUR FISCAL YEAR IS JULY 1 – JUNE 30 ****

CLUB NEWS

ANNUAL HOLIDAY SEASON PARTY:

Our annual holiday season "party" will be held on December 14th. There will be no meeting, just friends, food and fun. The Club, as usual, will cover the expense of the chicken. Members at the October 26th meeting and meetings in November have/will designated/designate other "goodies" that they have volunteered to bring. Tom Reiff will have his annual philatelic trivia contest with the winner getting "bragging rights only." Also, members may bring in a SHOW AND TELL item (or items), philatelic or not.

PLEASE NOTE: You are welcome to bring guests, however any non-member guest will be charged a \$5.00 guest fee.

NEW CLUB LIBRARIAN: In early November, Connie Foltyn informed the club, that he wished to resign as club librarian. He has served the club well while performing his duties. Laura, Kaczynski, our current Vice-President has volunteered to take over the club librarian duties. **THANK YOU, LAURA!**

MONROEVILLE LIBRARY PRESENTATION: The club had the second of two "stamp" events held at the Monroeville Library. "FUN, DECODERS, CACHETS AND CRAFTS" was held on Monday, November 3rd from 7:00PM until 8:30PM with Dawn Richards along with Gene Bujdos, Bill Badali. Andy Novotny and Lorraine Vincent. While attendance was less than the October presentation, it was deemed informative and worthwhile. The Club and library plan to partner up in the future for other presentations.

APS ROAD TRIP: On Thursday, November 20, 2014 members Danielle Weaver, Bob Ginther, Jim Senkewitz and Tom Reiff made a road trip to the APS in Bellefonte, PA. Everyone had a great time finding items for their collections and talking with some of the APS associates. The Club is sure to have more trips in 2012. We will keep you informed.

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SOME ATTENDEES FOR THE "STAMPS IN THE ATTIC"

Photos from our Monroeville Library presentations of October 6th and November 3rd.

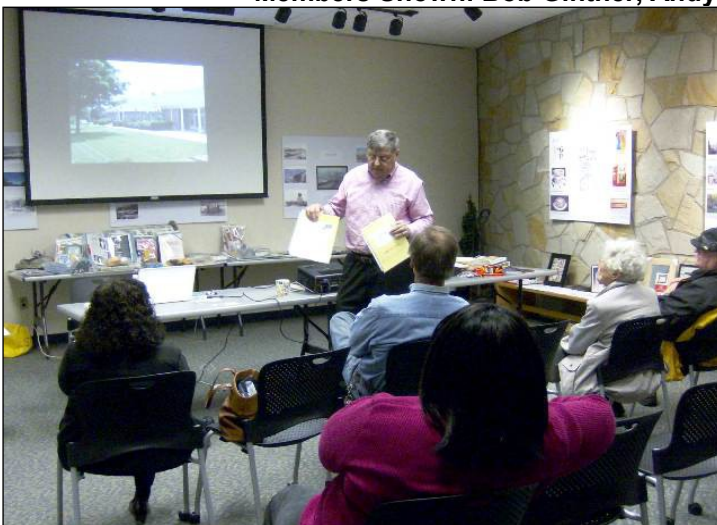
Your editor has picked five photos from the many taken.

There are three (3) from the October 6th presentation of STAMPS IN THE ATTIC and two (2) from the November 3rd presentation of FUN, DECODERS, CACHETS AND CRAFTS

Photos courtesy of member Dawn Richards who took many photos.
THANK YOU DAWN!



WSC MEMBERS DISCUSSING AND EVALUATING ATTENDEE COLLECTIONS AT "STAMPS IN THE ATTIC"
Members Shown: Bob Ginther, Andy Novotny, Bill Badali Lorraine Vincent



WSC MEMBER GENE BUJDOS TALKS ABOUT OUR ANNUAL SHOW CACHETS - WSC MEMBERS WHO TOOK PART IN "FUN, DECODERS, CACHETS AND CRAFTS" - Lorraine Vincent, Bill Badali, Gene Bujdos, Andy Novotny, Dawn Richards



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Upcoming
Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows

STAMP SHOW – December 6-7 – COLUMBUS, OHIO – Worthington Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse. Disalle Center at the Ohio Expo Center, 717 E. 17th Avenue. Saturday 10 AM-6 PM, Sunday 10AM-4PM.

STAMP SHOW – December 7 – Cranberry, PA, Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry, PA. 10AM – 4PM FREE

STAMP SHOW - January 23-24, 2015 YORK, PA - York County Stamp Show White Rose Philatelic Society of York, York Fairgrounds, Horticulture Hall, 334 Carlisle Avenue.

STAMP SHOW – February 21, 2015 K2 Collectibles (Kevin Kellman) PITTSBURGH, PA – Masonic Temple (Hall), Lower Level, 9521 Saltsburg Road, Plum Boro, PA 15239. *** THIS IS A NEW SHOW IN THE PITTSBURGH AREA ***

STAMP SHOW - March 7-8, 2015 BUFFALO, NY – BUFPEX 2014 Buffalo Stamp Club VFW Leonard Post, 2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga. Regional/Local Show with exhibits;

STAMP SHOW – March 19-21, 2015 – CLEVELAND, OHIO – Garfield Perry March Party – 125th Annual Stamp Exhibition & Bourse. La Villa Conference and Banquet Center, 11500 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44130.

ATTEND A SHOW – FIND A TREASURE



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100 YEARS AGO
1914 CHRISTMAS SEAL

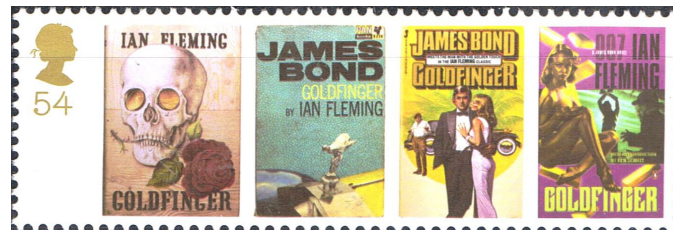
PITTSBURGH AREA STAMP CLUB WEBSITES

Here are our local stamp clubs Internet Web Sites. Once you access this URL, you may be able to navigate to other parts of the web site.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY
<http://www.muleshoepa.com/WCPS/WCPS.HTM>

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH
<http://www.presidentdrive.com>

50 YEARS AGO – DECEMBER 1964



HISTORICAL FACTS WITH PHILATELIC CONNECTIONS OVER THE YEARS, STAMPS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR RUDOLPH THE RED- NOSED REINDEER, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, STAR TREK AND GOLDFINGER

DECEMBER 6, 1964 - The 1-hour stop-motion animated special *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, based on the popular Christmas song, is broadcast for the first time on NBC. It becomes a Christmas tradition in the USA, still being shown on television every year since.

DECEMBER 10, 1964 - Dr. Martin Luther King is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway

DECEMBER 12, 1964 - The first pilot episode of Star Trek, one of the most celebrated and influential shows in television history began shooting. This pilot was rejected by NBC, but wanted Gene Roddenberry to create another one.

DECEMBER 19, 1964 - The James Bond film *Goldfinger* begins its run in the USA. It remains one of the most successful and popular Bond films ever made.